

# NINE CENTURIES

QUESTIONS ON BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION



*"So all the days of Methuselah were 969 years, and he died." (Gen. 5:27, LSB)*

**VALLEY GRACE BRETHREN CHURCH OF ARMAGH, PA**

**JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup> AD 2025**

# THE LORD'S DAY

The Eighth Day of June, *in the Year of our Lord 2025*



- ONE · IS · YOUR · MASTER · AND · ALL · YE · ARE · BRETHREN -



Welcome to the worship services of Valley Grace Brethren Church!

## Sunday School—9:30 AM.

Our studies in the Medieval Christianity wrap-up with a survey of the dark history and doctrines of the Roman Catholic Church.

## Morning Worship—9:30 AM.

Call to Worship:\* *"Bless His Holy Name"* (#8).

Invocation.\*

Hymn: *"Holy, Holy, Holy"* (#55).

Prayer for Tithes & Offerings.

Scripture Reading: **Genesis 5:12-14.**

Prayer, Praises, & Testimony.

Hymn: *"Jesus Loves Me"* (#251).

Announcemnts.

Hymn: *"Amazing Grace"* (#200).

Dismissal of Youth for Children's Church.

Message: *"HERMENEUTICS, PT. 9: RIGHTLY HANDLING THE WORD."*

Closing Hymn:\* *"Alleluia"* (#516).

Benediction.\*



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### **Week of June 1 – June 7**

Sunday School: 6. Morning Worship: 12. Brethren Class: 4.

Midweek: 5. Weekly Offering: \$2,735.<sup>00</sup>.

Video: *"Romanism: Its Scope & Influence"*—141 Total Views.

Cover Art: *"Narcigesis,"* by Pastor Terry L. Reese

**Midweek Prayer & Bible Study: Thurs., 6:30PM.**

## ***New Policy Forces Christian Summer Camp to Allow Boys into Girls' Private Spaces***

Thanks to a new state policy, Camp IdRaHaJe (from the hymn “*I’d Rather Have Jesus*”), a Christian camp serving kids in Colorado since 1948, is now being forced to make a choice. A Colorado policy requires camps to let boys use girls’ showers, dressing rooms, and sleeping quarters, and vice versa. When the camp asked to operate according to its faith (and common sense), the state said no. Stop me if you’ve heard this before. State officials are prioritizing their radical political ideology. When that happens—when the law ignores reality—children pay the price. The state is telling this camp that they can either stay true to their biblical beliefs about biological sex and risk losing their license, or abandon their beliefs and mission in order to continue operating.

That’s not right—and it’s illegal. The government has no place telling religious summer camps that it’s ‘lights out’ for upholding their religious beliefs about human sexuality.

That’s why Alliance Defending Freedom recently filed a federal lawsuit defending the camp’s right to uphold both religious convictions and common sense. Camp IdRaHaJe’s leadership wasn’t looking to cause strife. But they made a choice to stand up for religious freedom—YOUR right to live and speak the truth.

What is Camp IdRaHaJe? Camp IdRaHaJe, which derives its name from the song “*I’d Rather Have Jesus*,” has served children in Bailey, CO, since 1948 and has maintained a resident camp license in the state since 1995. Founded by “Uncle Paul” Eiselstein with 15 acres he purchased for \$50, the camp now serves up to 3,000 campers each summer. Camp IdRaHaJe exists to present the truth of the Gospel to children who are building character and lifelong memories. Camp IdRaHaJe is a Christ-centered camp, yet it welcomes children of all faiths & backgrounds to its camps.

But that wasn’t good enough for Colorado bureaucrats, who pushed a policy that punishes those who won’t help further the state’s gender ideology agenda. Put simply: ministries like Camp IdRaHaJe are being punished for living out their mission.

That’s why this new lawsuit is so important. Thanks to the support of people like you, Friend, we’re able to take on big cases like this—defending our fundamental freedoms, including the right to live out our faith ([adfflegal.org](http://adfflegal.org)).

*In Christ, Andrea Dill (Legal Counsel, Alliance Defending Freedom)*

## “What About Guardian Angels?”

**Matt. 18:10:** “See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven continually see the face of My Father who is in heaven.”

Scripture is rich with examples of God employing angels unto the aid of believers. The Scripture also speaks of the Archangel Michael having a special function as the Nation of Israel’s Guardian (Dan. 10:21, 12:1).

Papists, however, commonly teach the concept of “Guardian Angels,” which might be defined as the idea that *every person*—or, alternatively, *every Christian* (Catholics have debated the extent and universality of such guardianship)—has an individual angelic protector personally assigned to guard and protect them throughout the course of their mortal existence (and indeed, beyond this life, into Eternity). While this doctrine has never been “*defined by the Church*” as an official binding-dogma, it is nonetheless regarded as something that represents the “*mind of the Church*” as a widely believed and favored assumption of the faithful, enjoying the common affirmation and support of Catholics for many centuries. Rome’s leading theologians have consistently supported this idea—including the “Angelic Doctor,” St. Thomas Aquinas, who even went so far as to speculate that only the *lower orders* of angels are appointed as particular Guardians for men (*Summa Theologica*).

The central passage of Scripture that Romanists point to is Matt. 18:10, upon which the Later Church Father Jerome commented:

*“...how great the dignity of the soul, since each one has from his birth an angel commissioned to guard it.”—Jerome, Commentary on Matthew*

Matt. 18:10 speaks of the Lord’s humble people, who are collectively not to be despised, for “*their angels*” continually behold the Father’s face. Let us note that these angels are described as perennially watching **God’s Face**—as opposed to watching the **individual believer**. They stand forever ready to execute the Father’s holy decrees. The believer can take great comfort that the omniscient, omni-present, omnipotent GOD is always watching over us—as opposed to finite angelic creatures. Almighty God—who requires no intermediate instrumentality—is the Guardian of our security! While He *may choose*, if it so pleases Him, to employ angels (and our fellow men!) as instruments of deliverance, in the end, it is the Lord who is our Deliverer!

**Heb. 13:5b:** “*I will never leave you nor forsake you.*”

The Catholic concept of personal Guardian Angels—an idea which the *Catholic Encyclopedia* freely acknowledges is also found amongst the heathen religions—can neither be proven nor disproven from the Scripture. What is clear, however, is that the Romish doctrine has gone “beyond what is written” (1 Cor. 4:6). —**Pastor T.L. Reese, Armagh, PA**